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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT : COMINT Requirements

1. During my recent visits to NSA, several contacts have discussed a potential problem involving the NIOs. Individual NIOs are visiting NSA and talking to the requirements, collection and analytic personnel and, on several occasions, have indicated a desire to have coverage and reporting emphasis changed. These changes are in their own areas of concern and would be of significant benefit to them at the expense of effort devoted to other problems. The people in V-1 (requirements) are showing more and more concern that they are receiving requirements out of established channels. As a result, the NSA respresentative to the IOS has discussed the matter with

25X1 and I understand that the SIGINT Committee will address the question in the near future.

2. I recognize that there are on-going actions to get at the heart of the requirements problem, but I believe that if we do not rein in the NIOs, the problem may get completely out of hand before the "bigger requirements'" picture is settled. The primary concern at this point, appears to be the approach taken by the people with economic intelligence, but others are also involved.

3. Discussions with various SIGINT Committee members and others reveals a general feeling that there needs to be a single requirements officer for the NIO structure and that individuals should articulate their requirements for all "INTS."

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Speaking only from a SIGINT view, if the NIOs are permitted to continue their individual pursuits with the various analytic and reporting requirements within NSA, we will be faced with a serious problem in restoring order.

4. My discussion with action officers arranging General Wilson's visit to NSA for October 9 reveals that this may be one of the topics to be covered by ⬚

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